

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 784

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A RESOLUTION to commend Senator Jim Tracy for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the Senate.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office were dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jim Tracy of Shelbyville is one such distinguished public servant, who served both his constituents and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Jim Tracy recently resigned from the Senate to serve as the state director of USDA Rural Development in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Jim Tracy distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his constituency, representing Senate District 14 (Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, and Rutherford counties) as a member of the 104th through 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Jim Tracy earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Senator Tracy is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Bedford County, having served with distinction as a member of the Bedford County Board of Education, serving as vice chairman for five years; president of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce (1992-1993); a founding member of the Bedford County Economic Development and Tourism Committee; chairman of the Tennessee Leadership Council of the National Federation of Independent Business; a member of the Shelbyville Rotary

Club and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; a board member of the MTSU Honors College Board of Visitors; and a member of the state Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, he also rendered exemplary service as an NCAA basketball official for ten years; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Senator Tracy served as chairman of the Senate Transportation and Safety Committee, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate, and a member of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee, Senate Education Committee, and Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Senator Tracy was honored with the UT-Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Advisory Council Award; the Stones River chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution 2005 Certificate of Appreciation Award; the 2005 Tennessee Republican Party Statesman of the Year award for the Sixth Congressional District; the 2006 Bedford County Retired Teachers Association Legislative Award; The Arc of Tennessee Legislative Award in 2006 and 2007; the 2007 Tennessee Public Transit Authority Senator of the Year Award; the 2007 Tennessee School Board Association Legislative Award; the 2007 Shelbyville Breakfast Rotary Club Service Above Self Award; the 2007 Adult Education Task Force Leadership Award; the Bedford County, Shelbyville Community Development Center Certificate of Appreciation in 2007; the South Central Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year award in 2007 and 2009; the 2007 American Heart Association Advocate of the Year award; the 2008 MTSU Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Fraternity Award; the 2008 Friend of TOSS Award; the 2008 Habitat for Humanity Appreciation Award; the 2009 AAA Auto Club of Tennessee Legislator of the Year award; the 2009 Boys & Girls Club Appreciation Award; the 2011 Courage in Restoring Conservative Principles Award; the Rutherford County 9.12 Project Tennessee award; the 2011 Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Legislative Award; the 2011 Checks and Balances Award by the Tennessee County Services Association in recognition of protecting taxpayer dollars; the 2011 Walking

Horse Trainers' Auxiliary Merit Award; the 2011 LaVergne Police Athletic League Award in recognition and appreciation of his continued support and active involvement; the Center for the Advancement of Leadership Skills certificate of completion in 2011; the 2012 Housing Hero Award by the Tennessee Home Builders Association; the 2012 Tennessee Public Transportation Association Legislator of the Year Award; the 2012 Friend of Business Award by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; the 2013 Tennessee Sheriffs' Association Award in recognition of outstanding initiative to enhance leadership in law enforcement; the 2013 Legislator of the Year Award by the South Central Tennessee Development District; Paul Harris Fellow designation by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in appreciation of his furthering better understanding among people of the world; the 2013 Legislator of the Year award by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; the 2014 Presidents' Award of Merit by the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society; the 2014-2015 Legislator of the Year award by the Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition; the Blue Ribbon Walk IX Award by Junior's House Blue Ribbon Walk; the 2015 Tennessee Forestry Association Legislator of the Year award; the 2015 Conservation Legislator award by the Tennessee Wildlife Federation; the 2015 South Central Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year award; the 2015 Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association Distinguished Service Award; the 2016 Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents Legislative Leadership Award; the 2016 Tennessee Association of Agricultural Agents and Specialists State Friend of Extension Award; and the 2016 United Way After School Champion award; and

WHEREAS, Senator Tracy is a family man, businessman, and civic leader, and he has proven that citizens can make a difference through being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Senator Jim Tracy is perhaps most grateful for the love of his wife and three children; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Jim Tracy has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jim Tracy is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Senator Jim Tracy for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the Senate, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, and Rutherford counties, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success as the state director of USDA Rural Development in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.